

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of November 6, 2002 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 33-34 as being anticipated by Halliday et al., U.S. Patent 5,388,136. However, the Examiner went on to indicate that claims 21-32 were allowed.

While Applicant does not necessarily agree with the position taken by the Examiner with respect to the applicability of Halliday et al. to the invention of claims 33 and 34, nonetheless, at this time, in order to speed the prosecution of the application, claims 33 and 34 have been canceled.

Accordingly, only allowable claims should remain in this application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

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